



Issue Spotlight: Greater Options for Patients

We are committed to improving access to affordable, quality healthcare. Our goal is to remove governmental barriers to innovation and empower consumers to get better services at better prices.

The following bills advance this commitment to increase access to affordable and quality health care. Please refer to bill texts and analyses for additional information on what each bill does and does not do.

Patient Access to Records – HB 1035, Rep. Rommel

- HB 1035 requires health care providers to give patients their records when they want to receive them – including access to the provider’s electronic medical record through a patient portal, or submitting the records to the patient’s own electronic Personal Health Record.
- The bill also standardizes the timeframes for providers to produce records or allow inspection of records, and standardizes the patient cost for reproducing records.
- The bill removes obstacles and empowers patients to be more engaged in their treatment by standardizing the way practitioners and facilities must provide records to patients.

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Prescription Drug Importation Programs – HB 19, Rep. Leek

- HB 19 authorizes statewide wholesale prescription drug importation programs that would allow Floridians to access safe, effective, FDA-approved drugs from countries with good track records with the United States.
- The bill increases patient choices and allows safe and effective drugs from other countries to be sold in the United States.

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Advanced Practice Registered Nurses – HB 821, Rep. Pigman

- HB 821 allows advanced practice registered nurses to practice nursing without physician supervision.
- The bill responsibly allows for nurses to practice necessary healthcare services to the safest extent of their training, and will increase access to care.

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